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### Interview Summary

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Thomas M. Dougherty

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Thomas M. Dougherty.

(3) M. Knight.

(2) W. Hanlon.

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Date of Interview: 10 December 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: Applicant presented statement by inventor defining differences between prior art and the invention.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Uchikawa ('095).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Hanlon and Ms. Knight noted that the invention has a rigidity such that motion loss is 40% or less in the invention. The Examiner recommended placing language indicating this in the independent claims, perhaps noting it in terms of the arm motion.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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